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1. MIDDLE EAST

- "THE WAR HITS THE PALESTINIAN AND ISRAELI ECONOMIES"

PAULA LUGONES, ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT IN JERUSALEM FOR
LEADING "CLARIN," COMMENTS (10/24) ".... BEYOND THE
SCARE OF STONE-THROWERS, BULLETS AND MISSILES, THE WAR
IS GRADUALLY UNDERMINING ORDINARY PEOPLE'S POCKETS.
BUT THE PROBLEM IS EVEN MORE GLOBAL, BECAUSE VIOLENCE
ALSO THREATENS TO SCARE INVESTMENT AWAY FROM THE
REGION:..

".... THE SITUATION IS CRITICAL NOW, AND IT IS
UNLIKELY TO IMPROVE IN THE SHORT RUN...

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".... THE PALESTINIANS WHO FIGHT WITH ISRAELI SOLDIERS ON THE STREETS ARE FURIOUS. AMONG OTHER REASONS, BECAUSE THE PEACE PROCESS HAS NOT BROUGHT THEM ANY ECONOMIC COMFORT."

2. US POLITICS

- "THE US CANDIDATES, A LOVE/HATE RELATIONSHIP WITH HISPANICS"

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JORGE ELIAS, ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT IN WASHINGTON FOR DAILY-OF-RECORD "LA NACION," WRITES (10/24) ".... THE MAIN CANDIDATES GEORGE W. BUSH AND AL GORE, AS WELL AS HILLARY CLINTON IN HER CAMPAIGN FOR A SEAT IN THE SENATE FOR THE STATE OF NEW YORK, DO NOT HOLD BACK ON EFFORTS TO ATTRACT HISPANIC VOTERS...

"THE REASON IS THAT ONE OUT OF EVERY NINE VOTERS IS HISPANIC...

"6,5 MILLION LATINS ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE AND, EXCEPT FOR THE CUBAN COMMUNITY, THEY SUPPORT THE DEMOCRATIC CAUSE, ACCORDING TO HISPANIC TRENDS."

- "THE US ELECTIONS WILL BE THE MOST EXPENSIVE IN HISTORY: 3 BILLION DOLLARS"

FABIAN DOMAN, WASHINGTON-BASED CORRESPONDENT FOR BUSINESS-FINANCIAL "BUENOS AIRES ECONOMICO," WRITES (10/24) "THE US ELECTIONS... WILL COST 3 BILLION DOLLARS. THE AMOUNT MEANS A STRONG INCREASE IN THE EXPENSE VIS-A-VIS THE ELECTIONS FOUR YEARS AGO -- 2,2 BILLION DOLLARS -- WHICH RESULTED IN CLINTON'S REELECTION.

"THE INFORMATION APPEARED IN A DETAILED REPORT BY THE CENTER FOR RESPONSIVE POLITICS, A NON-PARTISAN NGO DEVOTED TO FOLLOWING THE EXPENSES INCURRED BY POLITICAL PARTIES DURING ELECTORAL CAMPAIGNS AND TO

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INVESTIGATE THE SOURCE OF THE FUNDS RECEIVED DAILY BY CANDIDATES.

".... A LITTLE OVER HALF OF THE RESOURCES -- 1.69

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BILLION DOLLARS -- WERE SPENT IN THE US PRIMARY ELECTIONS...

"THE TEXAS GOVERNOR... IS THE CANDIDATE WHO RECEIVED THE LARGEST AMOUNT OF MONEY.

"..... THE STATE IN WHICH POLITICAL PARTIES INVEST THE MOST FUNDS IS CALIFORNIA: 106 MILLION DOLLARS. NORTH DAKOTA RECEIVES THE LEAST MONETARY ATTENTION, BARELY 812 THOUSAND DOLLARS."

3. PLAN COLOMBIA

- "ATTENTION: IT HAS ALREADY STARTED"

RAIMUNDO AMADEO ORLANDO, CONSERVATIVE "LA PRENSA'S" MANAGING EDITOR, OPINED (10/24) "THE LACK OF CONSENSUS IN THE TALKS ABOUT PLAN COLOMBIA... IN THE LAST SESSION OF THE IV DEFENSE MINISTERIAL... CAUSED CONSTANT TENSION WHICH ERUPTED DURING A MEETING OF US UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, JAMES BODNER, WITH

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REPRESENTATIVES FROM BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, COLOMBIA,
PANAMA, PERU AND VENEZUELA. BODNER SAID THAT THE PLAN
COLOMBIA WILL BE CARRIED OUT WITH OR WITHOUT
INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY, WHICH GENERATED IMMEDIATE
MALAISE AMONG THE BRAZILIAN AND VENEZUELAN MINISTERS
OF DEFENSE -- QUINTAO AND ELIEZER -- , WHO CRITICIZED
THE MILITARY COMPONENT OF THE PROGRAM FUNDED BY THE
U.S... IT WAS REPORTED THAT (BODNER) SPOKE WITH OLD
NORTH AMERICAN ARROGANCE...

".... THE 'COLOMBIAZATION' OF A GOOD DEAL OF AMERICA
IS POSSIBLE. ACTUALLY, IT HAS ALREADY STARTED."

4. PERU

- "IN SEARCH OF A SAFE PLACE"

ANGEL PAEZ, ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT IN LIMA FOR LEADING
"CLARIN," WRITES (10/24) "EVERYTHING SEEMS TO INDICATE
THAT MONTESINOS' RETURN TO PERU WAS AUTHORIZED BY
PRESIDENT FUJIMORI AND WAS SUPPORTED BY THE (PERUVIAN)
ARMED FORCES. THE ONLY REASON WHICH WOULD EXPLAIN WHY
THE PERUVIAN PRESIDENT ALLOWED THE RETURN OF HIS
QUESTIONABLE ADVISOR, WOULD BE THAT BOTH ARE CONVINCED
THAT PERU IS THE ONLY SAFE PLACE FOR THE FORMER STRONG
MAN OF THE REGIME.

"MONTESINOS' RETURN... WAS ON THE SAME DAY FUJIMORI'S
ADMINISTRATION FORMALLY SUBMITTED TO THE OPPOSITION A
BILL PROPOSING THAT NO MILITARY OR GOVERNMENT OFFICER
WHO HAD FOUGHT SUBVERSION OR DRUG TRAFFICKING COULD BE
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SUBJECT TO TRIAL.

".... EVEN MONTESINOS WOULD BENEFIT FROM SUCH A LAW...

".... THE OPPOSITION NOT ONLY REJECTED THE BILL BUT,

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HAVING LEARNED OF MONTESINOS' RETURN, DEMANDED HIS ARREST. WITH ITS PROPOSAL, THE MILITARY WANTS TO AVOID ANY INVESTIGATION OR PROSECUTION OF THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE COUP OF 1992, WHICH ALLOWED FUJIMORI AND THE MILITARY TOP BRASS TO CONSOLIDATE A SOLID ALLIANCE TO CO-GOVERN FOR EIGHT YEARS.

".... IT IS TRUE THAT THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT'S DENIAL TO GRANT MONTESINOS POLITICAL ASYLUM PRECIPITATED HIS RETURN TO PERU. BUT THERE IS ALSO ANOTHER ELEMENT WHICH COULD HAVE INFLUENCED HIS DEPARTURE (FROM PANAMA) - THE USG, THROUGH THE DEA, REQUESTED THE PANAMANIAN DRUG TRAFFICKER BORIS FOGUEL SUENGAS TO TESTIFY AGAINST MONTESINOS IN EXCHANGE FOR IMMUNITY.

"FOGUEL OPERATED IN PERU FOR SEVERAL YEARS AS THE HEAD OF LOS CAMELLOS ORGANIZATION. IN A RECENT INTERVIEW WITH THE NEWSPAPER LA REPUBLICA, THE DRUG TRAFFICKER SAID THAT MONTESINOS KNEW ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES OF HIS GROUP AND THAT THE GROUP BRIBED HIM. IF FOGUEL TESTIFIES BEFORE A US FEDERAL COURT, (MONTESINOS) COULD END UP LIKE THE PANAMANIAN FORMER DICTATOR MANUEL ANTONIO NORIEGA."

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- "A SEVERE WARNING FROM THE WHITE HOUSE"

MARIA O'DONNELL, WASHINGTON-BASED CORRESPONDENT FOR DAILY-OF-RECORD "LA NACION," WRITES (10/24) "THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION DEEPLY REGRETTED MONTESINOS' DECISION TO RETURN TO PERU AND AMIDST RUMORS THAT (MONTESINOS) COULD START A COUP D'ETAT, THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION WARNED: 'ANY MOVEMENT WHICH WILL ALTER THE CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER WILL LEAD TO PERU'S ISOLATION.'

".... THE US WAS A GREAT PROMOTER OF MONTESINOS' ASYLUM IN PANAMA...

".... BY THE TIME WASHINGTON REASONED THAT MONTESINOS' ABSENCE WOULD CLEAR THE WAY FOR THE ARMED FORCES TO SUPPORT NEW ELECTIONS, THE PLAN FAILED.

".... REGARDING FUJIMORI'S PLAN TO EXTEND THE AMNESTY TO HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BEGINNING IN 1995, A STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESPERSON SAID THAT 'IT IS NOT CLEAR'

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WHETHER IT WILL INCLUDE MONTESINOS."

- "MONTESINOS MIXES A PISCO SOUR"

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MICHAEL SOLTYS, EXECUTIVE EDITOR OF LIBERAL, ENGLISH-
LANGUAGE "BUENOS AIRES HERALD," WRITES (10/24) "....
THE COMBINED IMPACT OF MONTESINOS' ENTRY AND TUDELA'S
EXIT IS BOUND TO TRIGGER A CHAIN OF EVENTS THIS WEEK.
YESTERDAY THE TURMOIL HAD BARELY STARTED... LAST WEEK
THE MAIN OPPOSITION LEADER ALEJANDRO TOLEDO HAD BEEN
PROPOSING YUGOSLAV TACTICS TO OUST FUJIMORI - WILL THE

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OPPOSITION CONTINUE DIALOGUE TOWARDS A PHASED
WITHDRAWAL OF FUJIMORI BY NEXT JULY OR WILL THEY GO
ALL OUT FOR ELECTIONS NOW?

"AND WHAT ABOUT FUJIMORI'S OTHER PROMISE TO DISMANTLE
THE SIN NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, MONTESINOS'
POWER BASE? IT IS STRONGLY SUSPECTED THAT SIN HAS NOT
SO MUCH BEEN DISSOLVED AS MERGED WITH ARMY
INTELLIGENCE, THUS REDISTRIBUTING RATHER THAN REDUCING
MILITARY POWER...

"MIND YOU, MONTESINOS MIGHT BE LESS OF A PRIME MOVER
THAN HE APPEARS. RATHER THAN MAKING A BOLD RETURN TO
PISCO OF HIS OWN ACCORD, ALL THE EVIDENCE IS THAT
AFTER 29 DAYS IN PANAMA, HIS PERMISSION TO STAY WAS
RAPIDLY RUNNING OUT AND HE HAD TO MOVE. STRANGE AS IT
SOUNDS, HE FACES NO CHARGES IN PERU AND WAS PERFECTLY
FREE TO RETURN HOME. YET HIS PRESENCE THERE IS CLEARLY
DISRUPTIVE AND YESTERDAY VENEZUELA WAS REPORTEDLY
CONTEMPLATING THE POSSIBILITY OF GRANTING HIM ASYLUM."

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